

ENTENTE GRANTS GREEK REQUEST FOR CONFERENCE

Premier Announces Military Staffs Will Discuss Concessions.

GALLWITZ MARCHES TO ATTACK FRENCH

Seeks to Drive Allies from Vardar Valley—Bulgars Repulsed on Cerna.

London, Dec. 7.—An agreement for a conference of Greek military authorities and military representatives of the Entente powers to examine into and report upon the necessities of the situation respecting the Allied demands upon Greece has been reached and the preliminary steps toward the conference taken. Premier Skouloudis announced in Athens to-day that a settlement could then be reached.

"To-day this was finally accepted, and Colonel Fallis, of the General Staff, is leaving for Salonica to consult General Sarrail, the French commander, to this end," said the Premier.

"Respecting the railroads, the Greek government has never been aware that the personnel of the immense increase in traffic due to the military uses to which the railways now are put, but Mr. Bourdell was unwilling to surrender control of his own property."

"The capture of Ipek, a Montenegrin town fifteen miles inside the border, and of thirteen hundred prisoners south of Novibazar is announced in the official reports from Berlin and Vienna."

GERMAN OFFICIAL.
The Berlin official is as follows: The city of Ipek (in Montenegro, about fifteen miles from the Serbian border) has been retaken. Some twelve hundred and fifty prisoners were brought in.

On account of a threatened envelopment of their positions in the Balkans, the Serbian army has been compelled to give up their positions there.

The Vienna report is as follows: Southeastern front: South of Plevlje we repulsed Montenegrin attacks. In the frontier section, north of Berane, our troops are attacking the Montenegrin main positions. Yesterday at noon we stormed the entrenchments north of Sahodof. South of Novibazar we captured another thirteen hundred prisoners.

The district east of Ipek was the scene yesterday of further severe fighting, the enemy being everywhere repulsed and losing six guns. Early to-day we penetrated into Ipek, and the Bulgarians occupied Bjakov.

BULGARIAN OFFICIAL.
The following official communication was issued at Sofia to-day:

"The division which was destined to cut off the retreat of the Serbian Monastir garrison was sent by way of Smilev toward the Monastir-Rezna road. This division, advancing, compelled the Serbians to evacuate Monastir on the 3d. To-day we occupied the town. Other divisions are advancing toward Ochrida and Dibra."

West of Prizrend the advance toward Djakov proceeded. About noon a division of our troops crossed the White Drin and the evening of the 4th occupied Djakov.

The Albanians, who have been oppressed for two or three years by the Serbians, are revolting and are fighting against the Serbian bands wandering through the Albanian mountains.

BERLIN WANTS TO TALK PEACE

Chancellor Welcomes Debate in Reichstag, Says Paris Report.

GERMANS SEEKING TO STIR PACIFISTS

"Prepare Scenario for Use of Neutrals"—But Still Aim at Place in Sun.

Paris, Dec. 7.—"It would be a mistake to believe that a discussion of peace conditions in the Reichstag will be instituted against the will of the German government, according to trustworthy information from Germany," says the special correspondent of the "Temps" at Berne.

"It must not be forgotten," the correspondent writes, "that the interpellator is the Socialist member, Philipp Scheidemann, well known to be in harmony with the government and with opposition Socialists, of which Dr. Karl Liebknecht is the leader."

"The Social Democrats seek by means of the interpellation to prevent this minority from voicing a claim that it is inducing the government to express itself publicly on the question of peace, and they are endeavoring at the same time to facilitate indirectly the propaganda of certain groups of Socialist pacifists in Allied countries."

"On his side, Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg is satisfied to have an occasion to explain himself regarding conditions of peace, making it appear that he was being forced to the expression by the popular will."

The government thus could not be reproached with having taken the initiative in this matter."

The Chancellor, the correspondent asserts, also counts on certain neutral influences, particularly the Vatican and the White House, taking notice of the programme which he will set forth and making efforts to help it.

"Thus," says the dispatch, "the scenario is well prepared for the use of neutrals."

The Athens correspondent of the "Figaro" sends an interview with M. Baloudjitch, Serbian Minister to Greece. He quotes the minister as follows:

"The effects of the German Balkan campaign are nil. The more fronts the Germans light on the more rapidly will they exhaust themselves. The object of the Balkan undertaking was to strike the imagination and force peace. One of my neutral colleagues informed me that Germany asked a powerful pacifist organization in his country to start a movement in favor of peace, but that his government was opposed to the proceeding, knowing that it would be unfavorably received by England and France."

Telegraphing from Amsterdam, the correspondent of Reuters Telegram Company says:

"George Bernhard, in the 'Vossische Zeitung,' anticipating peace discussions in the Reichstag, writes:

"The main and whole point is that we in the eventual conclusion of peace shall find an outlet for our international policy which shall allow us to pursue our clear goals with the least friction and risk."

"The aim of this policy can only be in the interest of the German people and the German Empire."

"The wish to liberate other peoples can only be satisfied if thereby the military security of the empire and the peaceful development of the people are interfered with."

"The future attitude toward the world must be determined by the only by cool consideration as to what is best for us."

LONDON CLUBS GROW FEWER

Several Consolidate to Avoid Failure and All Practise Economy.

MINISTERS UNDER FIRE IN GERMANY

Blamed for Food Troubles in Heated Debate in Reichstag Board.

Berlin, Dec. 7.—Vigorous and unrestrained discussion of the problem of food regulation continues in the Budget Committee of the Reichstag. Reports of the debate indicate that attempts are being made to lay the blame for various alleged failings on the shoulders of producers, dealers or consumers, or representatives of different ministries. Both the Minister of the Interior, Clemens Delbrueck, and the Minister of Agriculture, Baron von Schorlemer, have come under fire.

One Radical speaker directed his criticism against producers for desiring higher maximum prices. He pointed out that the German tariff system in times of peace had been directed for years toward strengthening German agriculture for its task in war time. Every slice of bread and every pound of meat had been burdened with a tax for this purpose. Farmers should, therefore, be contented with small profits at the present.

Minister Delbrueck made a short statement, declaring that the regulation of the supply of fats was the most difficult task in the field of food regulations. He announced that the government had decided to permit the sale of imported butter at a higher price than that charged for the home article.

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LONDONERS FEAR DRAFT WILL COME

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Recent reports have been to the effect that Italian forces had been landed at Valona, Albania, to enter the Balkan campaign with the Entente Allies, and to-day's report of the putting ashore of munitions and of artillery attacks from shore against the Austrian warships seemingly gives verity to them. The text of the statement follows:

The Austrian cruiser Novara, with some destroyers, on December 5 sank at San Giovanni di Medua three large and two small steamers and five large and several small sailing vessels while they were discharging war material. One steamer was blown up. Our flotilla was bombarded very heavily from land by about twenty guns, but without success.

Our warships destroyed the French submarine Fresnel and captured the commander, the second officer and twenty-six men.

In the night of November 23 another flotilla sank an Italian steamer armed with three guns and an Italian motor sailing vessel, which was fully loaded and en route from Brindisi to Durazzo. The survivors of the steamer, including four marines, were captured. The crew of the motor sailing vessel were released in their boats.

Paris, Dec. 7.—"According to a German radiogram, the French submarine Fresnel was destroyed on December 5 by an Austrian warship," says a communication issued to-day at the Marine Ministry. "Two officers and twenty-six men were captured."

The Fresnel, built in 1909, was 167 feet long, of 392 tons' displacement above water. She had six torpedo tubes. Her normal complement was twenty-four men.

An official statement issued to-night says:

On the morning of the 4th an Austrian squadron, composed of a cruiser and seven destroyers, bombarded San Giovanni di Medua. Two steamers, one of which was an Italian, were sunk, as well as ten Montenegrin sailing ships loaded with provisions. A French submarine has been destroyed near Boyana. The crew were taken prisoner.

DINNER GIVEN FOR WHITLOCK
Ex-Ambassadors Herrick and Wilson Praise Minister for Work.

Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 7.—Minister Brand Whitlock was the guest of honor at a dinner given to-night by Edward D. Libbey to the members of the Ohio Commission for the Relief of European War Sufferers. The sixty-four guests included Myron T. Herrick, ex-Governor of Ohio and ex-Ambassador to France; Henry Lane Wilson, of Indianapolis, ex-Ambassador to Mexico and ex-Minister

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JAPANESE WARSHIPS SENT TO SHANGHAI
Britain Plans to Block German Intrigue in China.

GEN. FRENCH ATTENDS ALLIED WAR COUNCIL

Second Meeting Held in Paris—Japanese Envoy Present.

Paris, Dec. 7.—The second general war council of the Entente Allies was held at the General Headquarters to-day.

General Joffre, commander-in-chief of the French forces, presided, and the others present were General Glinzky, of the Russian Army; Field Marshal French and Lieutenant-General Sir James W. Murray, of the British General Staff; General Pirot, of the Italian General Staff; Colonel Stepanovitch, of the Serbian Army, the chief of the Belgian General Staff and a representative of the Japanese Army.

It appears that the importance of Joffre's new post attaches not so much to the fact that he is generalissimo, but that he is the chief member of the military board whereon sit representatives of Britain, Italy and Russia, comprising one central command of the Allied armies.

Regarding further steps to be taken by Japan, Baron Ishii said that in discussing the matter with the powers he insisted that Japan's advice for a postponement was actuated solely by the desire to safeguard the common interest of China and the powers.

Tokio, Dec. 7.—It is understood that Japan, in view of the disturbed conditions in Shanghai, will adopt measures for the protection of Japanese residents and interests there. Several Japanese warships are already on the spot and the cruiser Tugara, which has left Yokohama, is believed to be bound for Shanghai.

Baron Ishii, Minister of Foreign Affairs, addressing the Diet to-day, reviewed the Chinese situation without referring to the question of China allying herself with the Entente Powers, as she has been invited to do. As to the question of the reestablishment of the monarchy in China, the Foreign Minister said that China contemplated some delay in the execution of its plan, but that he was not at liberty to give the details of China's reply to Japan's request for a postponement of the project.

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